

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 – 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally with 74 new fires reported. Two large fires were contained, one each in the Eastern Great Basin and Rocky Mountain Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration was issued on 9/4 for Hurricane Frances in Florida. An Area Command Team and six Type 1 Incident Management Teams are assigned to support recovery efforts. Additional resources are being mobilized as part of the relief effort, including aviation assets, mobile caterers and showers, national buying teams, and miscellaneous overhead personnel. The National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service are conducting damage assessments and recovery efforts in National Parks and National Wildlife Refuges throughout Florida.

**SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS:**

HURRICANE FRANCES, Federal Emergency Management Agency. An Area Command Team (Mann) has been assigned to the FEMA Disaster Field Office in Orlando, FL. Five Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Kearney, Vail, Oltrogge, Whitney and Studebaker) have been assigned to Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Homestead, West Palm Beach, Ocala and Lakeland, FL. One Type 1 Incident Management Team (McCombs) is staged in Atlanta, GA.

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

GEYSERS, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), Sonoma-Lake Napa Unit. A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Streblow) is assigned. This fire is six miles northeast of Geyserville, CA, in brush and timber. Moderate fire behavior was observed.

HAZEN, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), Tehama-Glenn Unit. This fire is three miles southeast of Manton, CA in timber, grass, and brush. Moderate fire activity with some torching and short range spotting was observed.

BLUFF, Lassen Volcanic National Park. This previously reported lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use incident (WFU), which began on 06/28, is located ten miles northwest of Chester, CA in timber, and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This will be the last narrative unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GEYSERS	CA	LNU	12,193	35	9/8	2,621	47	114	19	12	3.3
HAZEN	CA	TGU	189	90	UNK	138	4	8	1	1	NR
BLUFF – WFU	CA	LNP	1,438	N/A	N/A	139	4	0	2	0	464K

### ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:

TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX, Alaska Division of Forestry, Tok Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kurth) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Billy Creek, Gardiner Creek, Chicken and Porcupine fires, is 35 miles northwest of Tok, AK in black spruce and tundra. Fire behavior above 3,500 feet was minimal with isolated flare-ups. Increased fire behavior below 3,500 feet was observed with creeping, smoldering and isolated torching.

CAMP CREEK, Alaska Division of Forestry, Delta Area. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Blume) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles northeast of Delta Junction, AK in black spruce and white spruce. Active surface fire with torching and spotting on the west flank, otherwise minimal activity was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TAYLOR HIGHWAY COMPLEX	AK	TAS	1,322,393	NR	10/01	343	12	8	4	6	14.4M
CAMP CREEK	AK	DAS	175,315	65	9/30	238	7	1	3	3	6.0M

### EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

BIG CANYON, Bureau of Land Management, Moab Field Office. A transfer of command will occur from a Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) to a Type 3 organization today. This fire is 33 miles southeast of Price, UT in timber and grass. Smoldering and creeping fire activity observed with limited spread.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
BIG CANYON	UT	MOD	3,438	20	9/10	82	1	0	2	0	1.7M
JACKSON	ID	SID	463	100	---	72	0	13	2	0	NR

SID = Bureau of Land Management, Upper Snake River District, Southern Idaho Area

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

POWERHOUSE, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Amador-El Dorado Unit. This fire is 18 miles east of Amador City in grass, brush, and timber. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POWERHOUSE	CA	AEU	104	50	9/7	454	18	43	6	0	NR

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DEER PARK	CO	GRD	476	100	---	19	1	0	0	2	NR

GRD = Bureau of Land Management, Grand Junction Field Office

## OUTLOOK:

**Red Flag Warning:** For the mountains and inland valleys of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, and San Diego Counties for relative humidity levels of ten percent or less for more than ten hours.

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure will bring warm, dry weather to most of the West with low relative humidity levels and very hot weather continuing over inland portions of California. Dry weather is expected to persist over Alaska due to high pressure over the region. The remains of Frances will bring heavy rains to portions of the Southeast.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Clear skies, with a few a.m. fog patches near the coast.	Upper 60s to low 80s coast, and near 90 to 103 over lower terrain inland.	8 to 18% driest inland areas.	Light northeast to southeast winds in a.m., except local gusts 10 to 15 mph on ridgetops. Afternoon and early evening wind southwest to northwest 4 to 9 gusts 15 mph.
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Dry.	Highs in the 80s, 60s, 60s mountains.	Below 20% western Colorado, central Wyoming.	10 to 20 mph on the plains of eastern Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska, otherwise 5 to 15 mph.
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA</b> Mostly sunny.	90 to 100 coastal areas. 80 to 95 mountains. 95 to 105 valleys. 90 to 100 upper deserts. 100 to 110 lower deserts.	5 to 15% valleys. 5 to 15% mountains. 5 to 15% deserts.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph.
<b>NORTHWEST AREA</b> Partly cloudy in Washington and sunny in Oregon. Patchy early morning fog and low clouds west of the Cascades.	70s and 80s east of the Cascades and southwest Oregon, and the mid 60s to the lower 80s west of the Cascades.	8 to 20% east of the Cascades and 25 to 45% west side.	Northwest 5 to 15 mph
<b>WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA</b> Sunny and warm.	North Valleys: 82 to 95 South Valleys: 85 to 99 Mountains: 75 to 90	Valleys: 6 to 11% Mountains: 10 to 18%	Southwest to west 5 to 15 mph.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

## **SAFETY ZONES**

A safety zone is a location where the threatened firefighter can find adequate refuge from an approaching fire.

- What is the difference between a safety zone and a deployment site?
  - The safety zone is the area where a firefighter can survive without using a fire shelter. The deployment site is used when fire conditions are such that escape routes and safety zones have been compromised.
  
- How do you identify a good safety zone?
  - Consider the distance from the escaped fire as well as topography, winds, fire behavior, and fuels in the area.
  - The best locations are usually “in the black;” those with a minimum of, or devoid of, ground/aerial vegetation; or large bodies of water.
  - Size is sufficient for all present resources with a minimum distance from fire of at least four times the maximum flame length.
  - Location is scouted and marked well for visibility at all times.
  - Location has been reassessed in relation to line work progress, fatigue, changes in fire behavior, and arrival of additional resources.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1		1		2
	ACRES			7,584		166		7,750
Northwest	FIRES	1					1	2
	ACRES	1					0	1
Northern California	FIRES	1				15	3	19
	ACRES	0				2,926	20	2,946
Southern California	FIRES		1	1		21	2	25
	ACRES		30	1		124	0	155
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				1	1	3
	ACRES	0				0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						0	0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	1					5	6
	ACRES	0					0	0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		7					7
Eastern Area	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					2		2
Southern Area	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					5		5
TOTAL	FIRES	4	1	2	0	53	14	74
	ACRES	1	37	7,585	0	3,223	20	10,866

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	6	58	78	18	467	22	649
	ACRES	6,109	1,192,677	1,841,041	29,121	3,293,585	5	6,362,538
Northwest	FIRES	338	298	37	62	1,610	1,217	3,562
	ACRES	22,657	4,622	880	258	17,240	74,565	120,222
Northern California	FIRES	112	87	12	19	2,292	883	3,405
	ACRES	147	8,894	43	481	50,852	9,641	70,058
Southern California	FIRES	36	103	20	46	2,609	690	3,504
	ACRES	668	5,985	1,867	29	65,524	10,218	84,291
Northern Rockies	FIRES	942	71	19	13	771	835	2,651
	ACRES	5,462	1,470	1,062	4	18,037	11,076	37,111
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	56	759	6	44	467	679	2,011
	ACRES	528	40,383	11	57	6,984	47,240	95,203
Western Great Basin	FIRES	16	600	11	17	96	141	881
	ACRES	340	21,919	2,665	51	7,856	8,112	40,943
Southwest	FIRES	699	143	5	75	651	1,584	3,157
	ACRES	5,192	5,658	201	514	6,997	281,925	300,487
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	329	459	34	47	429	440	1,738
	ACRES	5,254	4,997	1,272	37	23,955	8,037	43,552
Eastern Area	FIRES	495		47	29	7,540	470	8,581
	ACRES	5,109		2,335	109	57,050	5,654	70,257
Southern Area	FIRES	131		63	43	24,815	582	25,634
	ACRES	15,821		15,112	3,467	320,699	73,419	428,518
TOTAL	FIRES	3,160	2,578	332	413	41,747	7,543	55,773
	ACRES	67,287	1,286,605	1,866,489	34,128	3,868,779	529,892	7,653,180

<b>Ten Year Average Fires</b>	<b>63,272</b>
<b>Ten Year Average Acres</b>	<b>3,414,435</b>

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		100					100
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	100	0	0	0	0	100

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1			5		6
	ACRES		33,000			17,027		50,027
Northwest	FIRES	38	83	52	1		262	436
	ACRES	7,626	7,295	4,581	30		58,329	77,861
Northern California	FIRES	14	39	97	18		183	351
	ACRES	251	731	14,164	2,830		22,617	40,593
Southern California	FIRES		4	20	10		76	110
	ACRES		27	1,686	718		6,213	8,644
Northern Rockies	FIRES	37	8	74	3	45	376	543
	ACRES	1,885	2,631	12,502	1,046	3,066	42,661	63,791
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	23	3	3	18	48	96
	ACRES	149	12,452	547	1,102	1,490	18,115	33,855
Western Great Basin	FIRES		9	5			5	19
	ACRES		1,588	541			971	3,100
Southwest	FIRES	14	15	7	12		328	376
	ACRES	3,869	4,846	12,769	9,026		78,908	109,418
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	42	41	147	18	12	115	375
	ACRES	5,117	12,351	22,280	13,664	3,947	45,755	103,114
Eastern Area	FIRES	27		371	23	1,075	196	1,692
	ACRES	14,804		43,533	4,443	73,725	28,353	164,858
Southern Area	FIRES	51		204	78	393	1,130	1,856
	ACRES	8,503		91,851	74,152	212,745	999,739	1,386,990
TOTAL	FIRES	224	223	980	166	1,548	2,719	5,860
	ACRES	42,204	74,921	204,454	107,011	312,000	1,301,661	2,042,251

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				62,266			62,266
Northwest	FIRES				5		7	12
	ACRES				200		1,745	1,945
Northern California	FIRES				10		3	13
	ACRES				995		0	995
Southern California	FIRES				11		2	13
	ACRES				4,402		222	4,624
Northern Rockies	FIRES				15		63	78
	ACRES				0		2,410	2,410
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1	0	43	44
	ACRES				0	10	11,187	11,197
Western Great Basin	FIRES		12		2			14
	ACRES		493		0			493
Southwest	FIRES				9		25	34
	ACRES				1,705		12,953	14,658
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		25	3	2	0	5	35
	ACRES		6,996	295	0	2,271	612	10,174
Eastern Area	FIRES				3		1	4
	ACRES				1,436		1	1,437
Southern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				3,007			3,007
TOTAL	FIRES	0	37	3	62	0	149	251
	ACRES	0	7,489	295	74,011	2,281	29,130	113,206

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia			2,321	215,021
Yukon Territory			273	1,843,260
Alberta			1,526	234,421
Northwest Territory			286	346,485
Saskatchewan			320	238,224
Manitoba			222	4,894
Ontario			361	1,492
Quebec			255	3,014
Newfoundland			144	8,432
New Brunswick			239	291
Nova Scotia			243	245
Prince Edward Island			20	15
National Parks			88	197,904
<b>Total</b>			<b>6,298</b>	<b>3,093,698</b>

**\*\*\*Weekly reports will be given starting 9/8/04.\*\*\***

**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	11	9	2	7	3	6			96	111
Northwest	8	1	8	5	2	3	1		34	12
Northern California	29	67	48	161	7	17			82	358
Southern California	2	4	5	29	1	1			4	93
Northern Rockies			7	1					4	
Eastern Great Basin	1		11	3	7				63	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest										
Rocky Mountain	2								9	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area										
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>574</b>

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